

**REMARKS**

I. Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Akintola for the thorough examination and for recognizing the allowable subject matter of the claims.

Applicant also respectfully submits that the Advisory Action is inconsistent. In particular, the Advisory Action indicates that the “Reply filed 11/13/2009 fails to place this application in condition for allowance.” However, the Advisory Action also states under no. 13 that “Applicant argument is persuasive and the claims will be allowed in due course.”

During a telephone call on December 9, 2009, Examiner Akintola notified Applicant’s representative, Joseph Flerlage, that the statement that the claims include allowable subject matter is accurate. To that end, Examiner Akintola also confirmed that the application is indeed in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests removal of the rejections, and earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant’s representative, Joseph Flerlage at (312) 698-6065, to expedite allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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